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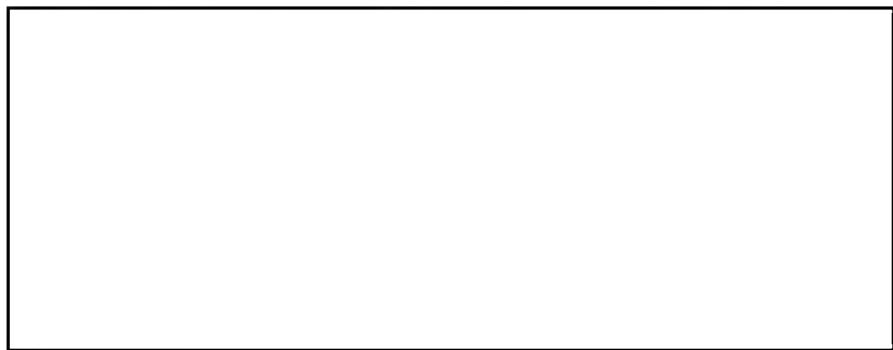
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SOVIET GRAIN PRODUCTION

	<u>Soviet Claim</u>	<u>US Estimate</u>
1958	141	125
1959	126	100
1960	134	100
1961	137	115
1962	147	115

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USSR--Agriculture: Khrushchev has forecast a record grain harvest of 147 million metric tons for 1962.

This, like Soviet grain production claims since 1958, seems highly exaggerated. In view of the bad weather during the 1962 growing season, we estimate this year's grain crop at about 115 million tons.

Khrushchev disclosed that the potato crop in 1962 was 25 percent lower than last year and that sugar beet production dropped 4 percent. He predicted some improvement in output of livestock products. The 1962 goals, however, will be badly underfulfilled despite the adoption this year of Khrushchev's new cropping pattern, which is designed in part to increase the feed supply.

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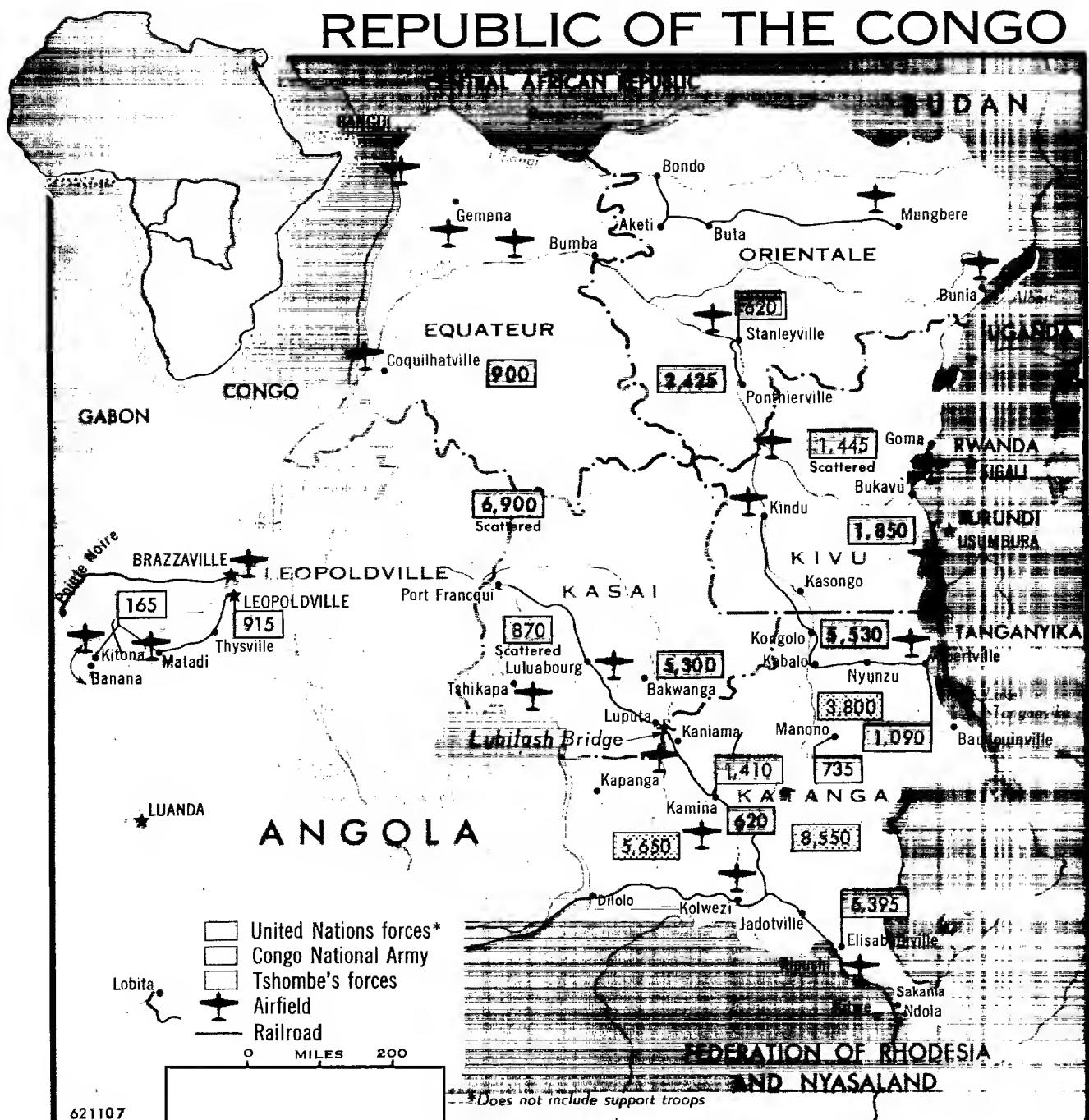
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Congo: The UN is increasing its pressure on Tshombé.

UN forces are conducting air and ground reconnaissance of the Kongolo area, where Katangan aircraft have slowed the Congolese army attack, and UN officials in New York have warned Tshombé against continuing "offensive" air operations. The chief UN representative in Leopoldville stated on 13 November that New York had authorized UN forces to engage "attackers" in the air or on the ground.

reportedly has told his senior officers "it is 99-percent sure that the Jadotville-Kolwezi operations plan will go into effect." On 12 November he told the US consul that he had submitted a timetable for moving his brigade to Kolwezi, a mercenary stronghold. He expressed grave doubt that the UN forces could attain their objectives without bridging equipment if the Katangans blew the bridges and otherwise resisted, as seems inevitable.

[redacted] reports that the Katangans at Kolwezi are receiving daily rail shipments of mines and explosives. There are reports of Katangan reinforcement of Jadotville and mining of nearby roads.

One and possibly two Ethiopian battalions may transfer to Elisabethville before the end of November. The US

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Army attaché doubts that the UN forces could hold the Katangan mining towns without armored equipment and air re-supply.]

[The US consul comments that UN preparations may have been ordered only as contingency planning or as psychological warfare against Tshombé, but most Elisabethville inhabitants expect an imminent outbreak of hostilities.]

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Portugal: Salazar may be preparing a cabinet reshuffle.

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The American Embassy in Lisbon points out that Salazar has been extremely annoyed with Moreira for bungling in Angolan matters, including the dismissal last September of General Venancio Deslandes, the popular governor general of Angola.

The armed forces have been vocally critical of Moreira.

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